

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Showers to-day; to-morrow fair and cooler; fresh south and southwest winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 55; lowest, 40. Detailed weather reports will be found on editorial page.

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## NEW CHARTER PLAN OPPOSED TO CRAIG'S LIMITS HOME RULE

F. W. M. Cutcheon, Counsel  
to Commission, Submits  
Rival Proposal.

WILL PROBABLY PASS

Comptroller Warns He'll  
Take His Own Draft to  
Legislature.

UTILITIES CONTROL ISSUE

Meeting Defers Decision After  
Motions to Kill Each  
Measure Are Lost.

The New York City Charter Revision Commission, appointed a year ago by Gov. Miller, met yesterday in Comptroller Craig's office and discussed two charter proposals, one by Mr. Craig and the other by F. W. M. Cutcheon, counsel to the commission. Craig's plan, known as the "birch bark charter" because he said he wrote it on birch bark in the Canadian woods last winter, gives the city home rule as interpreted by the Hylan administration. The Cutcheon draft is entitled a "home rule charter," but it limits control of public utilities by making the city "subject to the laws of the State whether heretofore or hereafter enacted."

Neither plan was adopted. After a talk the commission adjourned until 2:30 o'clock Friday so that the members may have time to study Mr. Cutcheon's plan, which was submitted to them only four days ago. A motion to "receive it and make it part of the record," offered by Mr. Craig with the purpose of tabling it, was lost by seven votes to six. Another motion, by Lewis A. Deland, to "receive it and use it as a basis to work on" (and scrap Craig's plan) was also lost, seven to six.

It was apparent, however, that Craig is in the minority, and it is probable that the Cutcheon draft will be adopted by the commission in spite of his objections.

The Two Plans.

In that case, as Mr. Craig pointed out, it must pass the new Legislature, with a Democratic Senate favoring home rule, and then be approved in turn by Mayor Hylan and Gov. Smith, a virtual impossibility. The only other alternative appears to be the adoption by the commission of Craig's plan or a third plan containing a compromise.

Mr. Craig tried to get the commission to agree to consider his plan first, and warned the other members if they didn't recommend it to the Governor he would take it direct to Albany at the opening of the new legislative session. He attacked Mr. Cutcheon's charter as reactionary and "a blow at the heart of home rule."

Mr. Cutcheon presented his draft to the commission in person, explaining that it was incomplete in some details, but represented a "sensible" plan. Some of Mr. Craig's suggestions were included, he said, but he criticized the Craig plan as "simply amending the existing charter. No one but a skilled lawyer could have thought of it."

Cutcheon's draft contains 112 printed pages, as contrasted with the "thumb nail" charter of Craig. It sticks to the present form of home rule, and a Board of Estimate and a Board of Aldermen acting independently on some matters and concurrently on others. It gives the city powers which Mr. Craig thought so broad that "some of the members must have been shocked and disturbed."

The Cutcheon Check.

Outlining these powers he said: "The city can own and operate a public utility which concerns anything for which franchises have been granted or for common necessities such as milk, coal, ice, etc. Such powers are made so that some check can be exercised."

Mr. Cutcheon then described this "check," which proved to be a joker, so far as Craig and the Hylan home rulers are concerned.

"The plan provides the classification of all revenue producing enterprises into two major classes: first, those which are big that they might jeopardize the city's credit; second, all others. The first class takes in everything entailing an investment of more than \$50,000, and an operating cost of more than \$10,000,000."

"Under class No. 1, projects more than \$50,000, the charter provides that the Board of Estimate acting in concert with the Board of Aldermen prepare a 'statement of project,' defining the nature, means of operation, rates, etc., of proposed enterprises. It is submitted to a committee of five, non-political and disinterested, appointed as follows: One engineer by the Board of Aldermen; one accountant by the Comptroller; and one business man, lawyer or banker by the presiding justice of the Appellate Division, First Department."

This committee of three will consider the project and report back in four months if they think it will be profitable over a period of fifty years. If they approve the Board of Estimate and Aldermen adopt it and submit it to a referendum of voters either at a special or at the next election."

Mr. Cutcheon explained that his plan does not take in education, as that is becoming more and more a State function.

Craig's Criticism.

Mr. Craig said in regard to the Cutcheon plan that it "doesn't enlarge the city's powers. It only restricts, restrains, fetters and handcuffs the powers the city now has."

He called attention to the "committee of three" provision, which, he said

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Theoretical and Hotel and Restaurant. Advertising will be found on Page 15—Adv.

## Purple-White Licenses Ready for Motorists

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Albany, Nov. 14.

NEXT year's automobile license plates for New York State will be purple and white. The purple will replace the green background of this year and white figures again will be used.

The new plates, manufactured in the prisons, are ready, the State Tax Commission announced to-day. Distribution will begin to-morrow by county clerks of all counties except Albany and Erie and New York city, where they will be handled by bureaus of the State Tax Department.

The new fees, based on the manufacturers' weight of cars, become effective for all registrations. In each distribution office there will be a rate book showing the weight of every model of every car.

## WASSERMANN TRIED VAINLY TO GET LOAN

Suicide Bankrupt Broker Was  
at Rope's End With  
Banks.

PRIDE ACTUATED DEED

Friends Say He Worried Over  
Firm's Fall and Wife's  
Divorce.

Wassermann Brothers, stock brokers, of 42 Broadway, members of the New York Stock Exchange since 1883, went into bankruptcy yesterday. The failure, following the suicide Monday of Jesse A. Wassermann, a member, closed dramatically the career of a once prominent house. Mr. Wassermann was 32 years old, the son of Edward Wassermann.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by Robert P. Lewis, 42 Broadway, attorney for petitioning creditors, who later was appointed attorney for the receiver, Edward H. Childs, lawyer, of 59 Wall street. Mr. Childs said his brief examination indicated liabilities would not exceed assets probably by more than \$250,000, and that a basis of settlement likely could be agreed upon without difficulty.

The bankruptcy revealed that before firing the shot that ended his life young Wassermann made desperate efforts to obtain sufficient funds to keep above water his firm's customers for a loan of \$250,000, from the New York Stock Exchange that the firm make a report of the status of its business yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Tried to Get Loans.

Mr. Wassermann called together the members of the firm Saturday afternoon to discuss means of rehabilitating the firm's solvency before the hour of account to the stock exchange should arrive. At that meeting it was agreed that if a loan of \$250,000 could be obtained a report of solvency could be presented to the exchange.

Apparently the firm already had reached the end of its rope with banks. Wassermann asked Isaac Spiegelman, one of the firm's customers, for a loan of \$50,000, and was refused. He is said to have tried in several other directions to obtain the money.

No member of the firm, however, and none of his friends suspected he would seek death as a way out of his difficulties.

Harold A. Content, 120 Broadway, attorney for the firm and schoolmate and life friend of young Wassermann, said he had lunch with the suicide last week and did not find him despondent. Mr. Content said, as did other friends, and as Wassermann's last notes indicated, the suicide was due in large measure to grief over the divorce which his wife obtained from him in Paris two months ago, though the deed itself probably was precipitated immediately by failure to obtain money to relieve his financial straits.

Career Was Brilliant.

Both Mr. Content and Mr. Lewis said they knew of no evidence of bucketing customers' orders or other misconduct. The records of the District Attorney's office show no complaints against the firm. Mr. Content said that Wassermann never defaulted on his own account. There was a steady decline in the firm's business in recent years without a corresponding decrease in overhead. Directly, Mr. Lewis added, the position of the firm was due to the purchase of larger amounts of stock for the accounts of customers than the firm had resources to pay for on demand.

The decline of the firm's business apparently began when it was robbed of the leadership of Edward Wassermann, who died five years ago. "Eddie" Wassermann, as he was familiarly known in Wall Street, was a man of brilliant

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## SOCIETY AT SEANCE CHATS WITH GHOST OF MRS. BLOODGOOD

'Jack De Saulles,' 'William  
Winter,' 'Nat Wills,' Sum-  
moned by Medium.

SESSIONS AT BILTMORE

John Ticknor, Former Man-  
ufacturer of Bridgeport,  
Conducts Conversation.

'WHO'S WHO' ON PARADE

Wraiths Seem to Have Weak  
Memories for Their Triumphs  
in Earthly Flesh.

Ghosts are being paged at the Bilt-  
more. They are distinguished ghosts for  
the most part. Before their transla-  
tion they could be turned to any  
day in one of the Who's Who, the  
American or the English.

Persons that have respectfully  
given ear to their thin and distinct  
discourse note that these ghosts at  
the Biltmore seem still fond of their  
Who's Who celebrity, and stray not  
far from the reminiscences and the  
achievements listed of them in that  
laconic biography.

They do not annoy the guests, of  
course. John McEntee Bowman would  
not like that, nor would many of the  
guests. They are not to be found  
rambling in the corridors or peering  
from corners. Neither obtrusive nor  
loquacious, they appear only before  
chosen members of society in the  
apartment No. 1119 of John Ticknor,  
lately a manufacturer in Connecticut,  
and now aware of strange catalytic  
powers in dealing with these stubborn  
and difficult elements of the hereafter  
—wraiths of humanity.

Only Our Best Spooks Admitted.

There are those who maintain that  
Mr. Ticknor is a rare hand with spooks,  
especially spooks who amounted to  
something before passing on; those who  
were successful in great wealth, great  
talent and consequent celebrity.

Society, titillatingly interested in Mr.  
Ticknor's singular gift of whitening  
ghosts to heel, attends his private  
seances, either at the Biltmore or in  
their own mansions, and gaze at the  
invisible ones, a long dead magnate of rail-  
roads, a young banker cut off in his  
prime, a great critic of the drama, a  
world famous actor, an actress noted for  
her blazing eccentricities, all crowd  
around Mr. Ticknor's chair as men  
mortal surge about a telephone switch-  
board.

They gaze at his successes in a field  
of ill mystery, where even the great  
Sir Oliver Mowbray could not always  
succeed, and they are so impressed, these  
society folk, that talk is running about  
about the opulent of endowing Mr.  
Ticknor like a college; of establishing  
such a sound foundation that never-  
more would any right sort of "spiritual  
affairs" be needed, or, as they say, "the  
spiritual affairs presided over by him-  
self, call them demonstrations. Collections,  
or the mention of them, are said to  
annoy him, and the thought of vulgar  
money, in any form, is said to be other-  
wise, saddens him.

But the talk of endowing him persists  
among the wealthy and fashionable that  
already have seen him—and heard him  
—do his stuff, as the vulgar have it.  
Even a sum is mentioned, something  
like \$200,000, and any number of the  
believers in the strange and mys-  
terious powers of Ticknor might be able  
to contribute the whole sum.

How Mr. Ticknor Performs.

There was an especially interesting  
seance "seance" in such a dreadful  
word—in ultra fashionable East Sixty-  
seventh street only a few nights ago, and  
attended by persons of the first rank  
socially and financially. Very interest-  
ing results were obtained, and the sug-  
gestion was emphasized quite strongly  
that intelligent persons of busy life are  
quite foolish to dispense with "Who's  
Who," especially if interested in spiritism  
and its reflexes.

Never hurried, always unfurried, Mr.  
Ticknor discourses divertingly for well  
nigh two hours before popular demand  
induces him to lift a corner of the veil.  
He's the most untheatrical of mediums,  
no balhyhoos, no shivers or sepulchral  
groans, no desperate gaspings and con-  
tortions of body maltreated by spirit.  
Nothing like that. Mr. John Ticknor,  
lately of Bridgeport and the manufacturer  
of wearing apparel, and later of munition-  
ary, has been taken down to earth, as  
you would settle down to ground, when  
friends of yours and the misanthrope  
dropped in to try the home brew and  
say a few snappy things about the  
neighbors. Mr. Ticknor settles down—

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## Gum and Candy Bill Thrice That of Army

BOSTON, Nov. 14.—Secretary of  
War Weeks, in a speech  
here to-night on the con-  
structive work of the army, said:

"During last summer we trained  
about 22,000 men in our citizens'  
training camps. Canada trained  
about 100,000 men in hers. With  
less than one-tenth our population  
she is training five times as many  
citizens for national defense."

To the question, "How does Cana-  
da afford this training?" the Sec-  
retary said he might reply that it  
is by cutting down on her use of  
chewing gum.

"We are a nation of gum chew-  
ers," he added. "In a year we  
spend three times as much for  
chewing gum and candy as we  
spend for military preparation."

## TWO OF 6 DIE ASCAR LEAPS PIER TO RIVER

Man 'Smashes' Windows of  
Motor and Swims Ashore  
With Two Girls.

DRIVER AND WIFE LOST

Oscar Schuttlick Reverses by  
Mistake When Awaiting  
Ferry at Highland.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 14.—Mr.  
and Mrs. Oscar Schuttlick of Spring-  
town, Ulster county, were drowned in  
the Hudson River at Highland to-  
night when their closed car backed  
into the water from the Highland pier.

William S. R. Davidson of 334 East  
Twenty-seventh street, Brooklyn,  
broke the windows of the machine and  
swam to shore, dragging after him the  
Misses Rachel and Flora Canfield,  
guests of the Schuttlicks at their hotel  
in Springtown. Eugene Meyer of 729  
East Twenty-fourth street, Brooklyn,  
the sixth occupant of the car, was  
rescued by a dock policeman.

The accident occurred while the  
Schuttlicks and their party, together  
with several other automobilists,  
were waiting for a ferryboat to take  
them across the river. Mr. Schuttlick  
had parked his car near the edge of  
the pier, but not long enough for Messrs.  
Schuttlick, Davidson and Meyer to open  
the doors and let the three women get  
into the water. Then the persons who  
had rushed to the edge of the pier to  
see what had happened saw the car  
slowly tilt and begin to go down head  
first, the weight of the engine causing it  
to sink rapidly once it got started.

Davidson and Meyer seem to have been  
able to smash the glass of the windows  
just as the car started toward the bot-  
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## RED RIOTS ON RHINE FORCE ALLIED TROOPS TO AID LOCAL POLICE

Communists Rise in Areas  
Where Are Minimum of  
German Guards.

FIRST IN DUSSELDORF

British Soldiers Fire on  
Mob in Cologne, Kill-  
ing Some.

SEIZE STORES OF FOOD